

### PLEA IN BEHALF OF GEN. MILES

#### REPUBLICAN SENATORS CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT.

They Ask Him to Forego His Determination to Compulsorily Retire the General, for the Reason That It Would Create Bad Feeling in Congress and Seriously Endanger Republican Success.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Republican friends of Gen. Miles have started a campaign with the object of persuading President Roosevelt to forego his expressed determination to compulsorily retire the general for insubordination instead of allowing him to serve until August, 1903, when he will retire by operation of law, having reached the age of 61.

This afternoon Senators Hale, Hoar, McCune and Allison, all personal friends of Gen. Miles as well as President Roosevelt, called at the White House and an extended conference was held. The Senators pointed out to the President that it would be a grave mistake for him to rebuke the conduct of Gen. Miles in the manner indicated; that it would create another Sampson-Schley controversy, cause bad feeling in Congress, seriously affect the discipline and esprit de corps of the army, and, above all, that it would seriously endanger the success of the Republican party at the coming congressional elections.

President Roosevelt was somewhat astounded at the earnestness with which the case was laid before him, but on going over with the Senators the history of Gen. Miles's offenses, he discovered that the Senators took the same view of them that he did. Unlike the President, however, the Senators are willing to forgive everything for the sake of harmony and to sacrifice the public good for political reasons. The President intimated that he would be derelict in his duty if he allowed Gen. Miles to continue in his misconduct without rebuke, but agreed to the pleadings of the Senators to the extent of assuring them that to action should be taken for the present—that is, not before Secretary Root's return from Cuba, which will be about May 1. One strong point in Miles's behalf is that Secretary Root has said that he can manage to get along with him for another year if compelled to. This statement the Senators dwell on.

The President agreed fully with the Senators that Gen. Miles's conduct had brought about a very embarrassing situation. He is anxious to avoid a Roosevelt-Miles controversy as he was to end the Sampson-Schley dispute, but he pointed out many reasons why it was as clearly his duty to punish Miles as it was to review the Schley case. Admiral Schley forced one issue upon him and Gen. Miles has brought him face to face with the other. He appreciates fully the political considerations involved, but is still convinced that Gen. Miles's persistent and flagrant violation of military etiquette and of the obligations of a man in his position makes it necessary that the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the army, should put an end to them, and this he has contemplated doing in a way the least humiliating to the General.

The President told the Senators, however, that he should make it a condition precedent to his suspension of judgment that Gen. Miles should at once cease his attacks upon the army and those in control of it and cease consorting with the Democratic Senators on the Philippines committee with the purpose of furnishing them ammunition with which to criticize the military policy of the Government in the Philippines, as he has been doing so outrageously.

It is well known to the President and the Republican Senators who called upon him to-day that it was Gen. Miles who wrote to Gen. Francis V. Greene to obtain for Democratic use a copy of the letter alleged to have been written, asking for authority for the American soldiers to pass through the Filipino lines just before the outbreak of the insurrection in the Philippines. That is only one piece of evidence that Gen. Miles has been assisting the enemy by furnishing them with information more or less reliable that has come to him as General of the army and which belongs to the secret archives of the War Department.

The Senators do not seek to explain away or deny these most serious charges against Gen. Miles. They simply urged the President, for his sake and the party's sake and the sake of the country at large, not to cut Miles's head, but to let him die a natural death by operation of law. As a result of the conference a reprieve has been granted the General. Whether he will be pardoned or not remains to be seen.

During the White House conference to-day another feature of the Miles controversy came to the surface, that will cause some antagonism to those friends of the General who have claimed that he is the one of the country that is being snubbed. It was the discovery that Miles has made confessions to the President. Some days ago he wrote to Mr. Roosevelt asking for a personal interview for the purpose of talking over the case intimating that he might be willing to accept limitations under certain circumstances.

To this the President replied that if Gen. Miles would set forth his reasons for asking the interview and just what he wanted, it would then be determined whether the request could be granted. It is not known whether Gen. Miles has accepted the offer, but it is generally thought that he will not.

It was the call of the Republican Senators at the White House to-day.

STUDENT EXAMINING COLLEGE.

Examinations at the University of California.

### KILLED BY HAMMER THROWER.

#### Boston Man Meets Death Because of a Slip at Death Made.

Boston, April 17.—George T. Holland, 57 years old, was killed late this afternoon by being struck with a sixteen-pound hammer which had slipped from the hands of a student at the Massachusetts School of Pharmacy, who was practicing with it in a vacant lot in the Back Bay. Holland was standing on the sidewalk watching the performance.

The student had just completed his second turn, when the hammer slipped from his hands and fell toward Holland with terrific force, striking him in the left side and knocking him down. A physician was summoned, but Holland did not seem to have suffered any ill effects other than being dazed and a few minutes later he walked to his home unassisted. When he arrived at home he collapsed and died a few minutes later.

The medical examiner was notified and the police are working on the case.

### WANTS TO REMOVE GEN. KING.

#### Action by Lawyer Hoye Whom He Is Said to Have Threatened to Eject.

An action seeking the removal of Gen. Horatio C. King as a member of the Street Opening Commission in charge of the creation of Battery park, Brooklyn, was begun yesterday by Lawyer Stephen M. Hoye, who, Gen. King threatened to eject, it is said, from last Wednesday's session of the commission. Lawyer Hoye said last night that in case his effort to remove Gen. King is not successful he will have a policeman on hand at the next session to prevent Gen. King from ejecting him. On the other hand, Gen. King is quoted as having said that he proposes to have a policeman present himself to see that Mr. Hoye's alleged disturbance last Wednesday is not duplicated.

The immediate cause of the trouble on Wednesday was an unrecorded deed to some condemned Battery place property. The deed was offered in evidence by Lawyer Hoye as the representative of the owner, Edwin A. Ferguson. Because it had not been recorded Gen. King decided to reject it. He was backed up by the other two members of the commission, Albert C. Goodwin and E. W. Palmer. Lawyer Hoye protested, in French, language, it is said, and Gen. King expressed chagrin that the commission was not empowered to punish him for contempt and threatened, it is said, to have him ejected.

When seen by a reporter last night at his home, 151 Linden avenue, Mr. Hoye said: "I am having Gen. King removed as a protection to the city. I consider the action which I began to-day a duty as a good citizen. He is all wrong, as a number of lawyers have agreed with me in asserting, and he knows he is himself, as he has said in a letter which he wrote to me to-day. But the letter won't do him one bit of good. He is going to be removed and that is all there is about it. Gen. King has no right to grudge against me. Away back in 1867 I tried to get him removed as referee in the suits brought against the Elevated road in Myrtle avenue."

### REVOLT LEADERS TRANSFERRED.

#### Three of Them Sent Away From Eldridge Street Precinct.

Police Commissioner Partridge transferred out of the Eldridge street precinct yesterday six patrolmen and two roundsmen. The patrolmen who were assigned to other precincts were George W. Stevenson, to Old Slip; Charles R. Schleyer, to Church street; Edward J. O'Rourke, to Leonard street; Edwin Leigh, to the Tenderloin; Louis Cohen to Charles street, and Thomas F. Ryan to the Mercer street station. Roundsmen James H. Post was sent to the Macdougal street station and Roundsmen George W. McDermott was sent to West Twentieth street.

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When a reporter asked Capt. Welch about the transfers, he beamed in his characteristic manner and said that he had started to say about them. The reporter urged him he absolutely refused to discuss the matter.

The patrolmen who were affected also had their say about it. They said that they did not know the cause of the shake-up but that as far as they were concerned they were mighty glad to get out of the precinct.

Other patrolmen said that in their opinion the transfers had been made by the Commissioner at the request of the captain. It is probable, however, that Commissioner Partridge changed the precincts of the men in accordance with his policy of placing patrolmen near their homes when possible.

Shortly after the trouble over the reports some patrolmen alleged that those in command of the precinct kept a pretty close watch on the men who had joined in the revolt and had them up at Headquarters on charges whenever they could. Stevenson was on trial recently for being off post and was reprimanded for it.

Eight men were transferred from other precincts to Eldridge street yesterday to take the places of the men sent from there.

Attended His Brother to a Business Meeting.

### ACTOR EDESON LICKS A MASHER

#### ONLY BANGED HIM TWICE, BUT THAT WAS ENOUGH.

"If I'd Ha' Been There I'd Have Used a Night Stick on Him." Was All the Cop Said—Fellow Spoke to Mrs. Edeson, Waiting at the Theatre Door.

Robert Edeson, who is starring in "Soldiers of Fortune" at the Savoy Theatre, had a mix-up with a masher who had spoken to Mrs. Edeson last night, with the result that the man took to his heels and disappeared.

Mrs. Edeson went to the theatre last night, as is her custom, to accompany her husband home. About 11:30 o'clock she was standing in the Thirty-fourth street doorway of the theatre waiting for Mr. Edeson. A man in evening clothes and an opera hat spoke to her. She paid no attention to his remarks and he withdrew to a little distance, but did not go away.

When Mr. Edeson came out, his wife joined him, but said nothing about the occurrence. As they passed the man, the actor heard him say: "Well, I suppose I might as well go home. Nobody has any chance against these matinee idols, anyway."

The actor did nothing about that, but then his wife told him that the man had previously spoken to her.

As soon as he heard that, Edeson turned on the fellow and banged him twice. The star is a stocky man, and, according to the bystanders, the blows were no stage slaps.

The man didn't wait for any more. He took to his heels and ran across the street in front of a car. When the car passed he was not to be seen. Some of the men who saw the encounter say that the man fell into the excavation at that point. Whether he did or not could not be learned.

A crowd witnessed the incident and urged the actor to "give it to him good." Policeman Nash was attracted by the crowd and came up when it was all over.

"What's the row here?" he asked the actor.

"I've just licked a masher," said Edeson. "Well, it's a lucky thing for him that I wasn't here," said Nash. "If I had been, I'd have used a night stick on him."

Then Edeson took a cab home.

### ANTI-INJUNCTION BILL BAD.

#### National Manufacturers' Association Points Out Its Dangers.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 17.—Senator Hoar's Anti-Injunction bill, which caused such an animated discussion in the convention of the National Manufacturers' Association yesterday afternoon, resulting in an order for the Resolution Committee to bring in a stronger condemnation of the measure, was reported on again to-day and the report was adopted without discussion.

The resolution declared that the enactment of such a law would have the effect of legalizing the right of protection, the object of which would be to intimidate and place persons at whom the gatherings were aimed under duress; that persons who are charged with property are entitled to a trial; that a law which would be to place persons at whom the gatherings were aimed under duress; that persons who are charged with property are entitled to a trial; that a law which would be to place persons at whom the gatherings were aimed under duress; that persons who are charged with property are entitled to a trial.

### AT LAST!

#### Capt. Chapman Actually Takes Two Prisoners in a Raid.

Capt. Chapman appeared at Police Headquarters late yesterday afternoon with a shining face and a smile that was wide. He buttonholed everybody in the building to tell that he at last had succeeded in getting two prisoners in a raid on an alleged poolroom at 108 Fourth avenue. He blazed away at every body and was full of the fact that he got into the place in question without using his axe.

The raid took place about 3:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The alleged poolroom was on the second floor.

The captain and his wardman, Holmes Lecocq Maguire, walked straight in. No one tried to stop them and nobody made an attempt to run away. There were a telephone in the room and some racing cards. About forty persons were sitting around. Two men were seen to receive money from the others. They were arrested and charged with being the proprietors. To the rest of the captives uttered a single, roaring "Git!" and they got.

### GOV. ODELL'S SON HURT.

#### Ten Year Old Bryant Thrown From a Horse—His Right Leg Broken.

Newburgh, April 17.—Gov. Odell's youngest son, Bryant, about 10 years of age, was thrown from a horse he was riding at 4 o'clock this afternoon and had his right leg broken below the knee. He was turning from Second into Water street when the horse slipped on a trolley rail and fell on the boy's leg. Policeman Topping was on the spot and caught the horse. The boy was taken into his father's office on the next block and was afterward removed to his home.

The accident will somewhat disarrange the Governor's California and Charleston trip. The party, which included Bryant, expected to leave home on Saturday morning. Besides the boy, Miss Clara Odell, the Governor's sister, will remain home, and possibly the other sister, Miss Ophelia Odell. The accident is not considered serious, otherwise the Governor would not make the trip.

### NO SHARE IN BRIDE'S ESTATE.

#### Young Man Who Married Aged Mrs. Kowald Will Not Get Any of Her Money.

NYACK, April 17.—Cloyd H. Barker, of Tampa, Fla., the young man who recently married Mrs. Kowald, forty years his senior, of South Nyack, will not get any of her \$100,000 estate which she left at her sudden death on Monday morning, unless she provided for him in some legal manner not known to her lawyers.

The woman's funeral services took place last night and her remains were taken to Greenwood Cemetery to-day for interment. Her effects were searched after her death and a will was found, but it is of no legal value as it is not attested by any witnesses. It is said that two other documents, purporting to be wills, have been discovered, but they have the same defect.

Mrs. Barker's wealth consisted entirely of real estate in Nyack and New York city and she lived on the income. If no relations are found by advertising, the property will revert to the State.

### STRIKERS JEERED HER DOWN.

#### Woman Who Tried to Finish Painting Her Own House Gave Up Disgusted.

PATERSON, April 17.—Owing to the strike of journeymen painters in Passaic, many jobs on buildings have been left uncompleted, among them a house in Wall street owned by Miss Lillian Chase. All but one side was painted. This morning the owner got a paint pot and brush, mounted a ladder and began where the painters left off.

She was getting along famously for an amateur when the strikers and their friends, aided by the lack of the neighborhood, began to poke fun at her. She could stand this, however, until the female relatives of the strikers lent their assistance, when she descended the ladder, disgusted with the manners of some women.

### FROM SOCIETY TO THE STAGE.

#### Mrs. Arthur T. Kemp Is Anxious to Tread the Professional Boards.

Mrs. Arthur T. Kemp, who is well known among the younger women of New York city, is preparing to make her appearance on the professional stage. Mrs. Kemp is still at the very outset of her theatrical career, as her efforts have so far gone no further than the preliminary arrangements for a meeting with one of the most prominent of the local theatrical managers. Mrs. Kemp is anxious to have Liebler & Co. manage her appearances.

### VICTIM OF RELIGIOUS MANIA.

#### A Disciple of the Divine Healers Sent to Hudson River State Hospital.

POUGHKEEPSIE, April 17.—David Dibble, 28 years of age, of Poughkeepsie, was brought here to-day suffering from a violent form of religious mania. He was a patient and disciple of Richard Elias of Danbury, Conn., who is of the cult known as the Divine Healers. Elias accompanied the unfortunate man until he was committed to the Hudson River State Hospital.

Dibble was in the city some time ago by the strike in the city by an iron spike. He refused to take the advice of surgeons at a New York hospital to have the injured leg amputated, and he was committed to the custody of Richard Elias of Danbury, Conn., who is of the cult known as the Divine Healers. Elias accompanied the unfortunate man until he was committed to the Hudson River State Hospital.

### THREE NEW BISHOPS.

#### The House to Session at Episcopal Diocese Three Appointments.

CHICAGO, April 17.—The Episcopal House of Bishops to-day elected Bishop of Hudson River, the Rev. Nathaniel Bayard Thompson, pastor of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia. He is a son of the late Bishop Thomas of Kansas. The Rev. Bishop Bayard Thompson, pastor of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia, is a son of the late Bishop Thomas of Kansas. The Rev. Bishop Bayard Thompson, pastor of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia, is a son of the late Bishop Thomas of Kansas.

### NIXON TO RUN BELMONT AGAIN

#### FOR CONGRESS IN THE SEVENTH, WITH DAN FINN'S HELP.

Looks as if Col. Murphy Was Out of the Game This Time—"No Interference" of Course by the Boss—The Peepul Will Nominate in Their Little Conventions.

Perry Belmont is going to run for Congress again next fall in the Seventh district. His nomination will establish a record of two runs in one calendar year. If Lewis Nixon remains in the leadership of Tammany Hall Mr. Belmont's path to nomination will be unobstructed.

"I know Mr. Belmont very well and like him very much," said Mr. Nixon at the Waldorf last night. "But I shall not interfere in that district, nor in any district matters. We intend this year to leave all nominations for the various towns to make. I have heard that Mr. Belmont will be a candidate. He ran last January. It would be a natural ambition to try again."

When the Legislature reapportioned the Congress districts recently it added a little to the Democratic strength of the Seventh in which Mr. Belmont met defeat last January. The Democrats have a normal majority of 6,000 in the new district.

Mr. Nixon was predicted to favor Mr. Belmont, and his friend "Batter Dan" Finn. Didn't Mr. Nixon attend Mr. Finn's meeting a little while ago, although Michael C. Murphy is the Tammany leader of the First Assembly district? In the new Seventh Congress district Timothy D. Sullivan is something of a power and he, too, is Mr. Belmont's friend at present. With Nixon, Finn and Sullivan Mr. Belmont is co-leader of the nomination.

Last night Senator Nixon denied that he and Senator Hill had talked about Mr. Belmont's nomination. "Senator Hill and I have not discussed any Congressional nominations," said he.

### FLOATING BOX OF SNAKES.

#### Picked Up by a Clam Digger Near New Haven Harbor.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 17.—William Wilcox, of 250 Washington avenue, Savin Rock, went looking for clams to-day along the beach in front of the Pleasant View Hotel. He saw a box floating at the edge of the tide some seventy-five yards out from shore. The box appeared to be full and Wilcox, at the suggestion of bystanders, decided to investigate.

Suddenly the box dropped from Wilcox's hand and Wilcox jumped. Then he approached it again, picked it up tentatively and holding it out at arm's length stared in shore. When he reached the shore, his face was white. Before any one had time to question him, he dropped the burden and said: "Snakes."

There were a dozen of them curled up under a false bottom of the box and visible through air holes which had been cut in the bottom. The box was divided into two compartments, one filled with cork, and the other with water. The snakes, however, ranged that the end in which the snakes were confined would float.

The box was taken into the hotel and opened. There were some live snakes and a dead one. The box was found in the morning and after an hour or so in the warm room they became lively enough. They were black and varied in length from four to six feet, and were believed that the snakes came from Brazil and that the box had been dropped from a Brazilian bark which has been lying off the harbor for a few days.

### WEDS AT MOTHER'S DEATHBED.

#### Miss Holle's Mother Feared That She Might Be Left Alone in the World.

EATONSTOWN, N. J., April 17.—Miss Lottie Holle of Eatonstown was married last night by the bedside of her dying mother. Her husband is George Martin, a motorman on the New York and Long Beach railway road. Martin boarded with the Holles. Mrs. Holle was a widow, and fearing that her daughter would be left alone in the world, she decided to marry her before her death occurred. Mrs. Holle was confident yesterday that her death was approaching, and summoning her daughter to the bedside told her the fact. Martin had been courting the girl for some time, and he accompanied in Mrs. Holle's desire. Four hours after the ceremony Mrs. Holle died.

### CUTTER THREAT DAMAGED.

#### Swamp With Great Force Against a Wharf at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—The revenue cutter Thetis crashed into Howard street wharf with terrific force this morning, tearing away her planking and figureshead.

The Thetis fresh from drydock and in splendid condition for her summer cruise, had been ordered to the wharf at Howard street wharf. A strong wind came up and against the wharf. At about midnight the cutter was damaged. The Thetis was damaged. The Thetis was damaged. The Thetis was damaged.

### JAMES R. KEENE DRIVES OFF.

#### Expected to Be at the Grand Street Office in the Course of a Week.

JAMES R. Keene, who has been confined to his room and most of the time to his bed at his apartment in the Waldorf since he came from the South Sea, is given notice to leave the hotel by the end of the week. He is expected to be at the Grand Street office in the course of a week.

### NO POLICE PARADE THIS YEAR.

#### Col. Partridge Does Away With the Time-Honored Show.

There will be no police parade this year. Commissioner Partridge issued an order to that effect yesterday, and the rank and file of the department signified in pleased whispers their approval of it. The Commissioner handed out a typewritten statement giving his reasons for the order as follows:

That the concentration of about 4,000 members of the force for several hours along the route of the parade leaves the remainder of the city without sufficient protection. That it interrupts travel and business along busy thoroughfares. That it involves quite a number of extra drills in preparation, and thus deprives the officers of much of the time of given to them under the rules of the department.

That, as the parade usually closely follows Decoration Day, so as to avail of the review-stand without additional expense, it is especially hard on the force whose duties are very arduous on Decoration Day.

### COPS SAVE MOTORMAN FROM MOB.

#### He Ran Over a Boy and Stood Off Furious Italians With His Power Controller.

Five-year-old Rocco Russo, whose parents live at 233 Johnson avenue, Williamsburg, was run over and mortally injured last night by a trolley car at Humboldt street and Johnson avenue. A crowd of Italians surrounded the car and threatened the motorman, Thomas Fallon. He picked up his brass controller in one hand and his switch iron in the other, and defied them. Some of the Italians, it is said, flourished knives.

Word was telephoned to the Stagg street police station that a mob was attacking a car and the reserves hastened to the scene on a run. They reached there just in time to protect the motorman. The police drove back the Italians with their clubs. The boy was sent to St. Catherine's Hospital and it was said that he would die. Fallon was arrested.

### MARRIED A MURDERER.

#### Young Woman Becomes the Wife of a Tennessee Convict.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 17.—To keep a promise Miss Nellie Duke, a young woman residing at Bowling Green, Ky., this afternoon wedded James L. Bone, who last week was convicted of the murder of Charles V. Savery, whom he killed last August, and sentenced to a term of twenty-one years in the penitentiary. The ceremony was performed by Judge Charles Drake of the Warrenton County Court in the inner circle of the county jail.

The bride, after emerging from the jail, would give no reason for her step other than she loved the prisoner and wanted to be his wife, though she would be separated from him. Bone will be taken to the penitentiary to serve his twenty-one years and will be 46 years old when released should he survive the sentence.

### HAS A HERO FOR A FATHER.

#### A Son Born to Peter Murphy Who Refused Aid in the Tunnel Disaster.

The wife of Peter Murphy, the hero of the Park avenue tunnel disaster, gave birth to a son at her home in New Rochelle yesterday. Both Mrs. Murphy and the baby were reported to be doing well last evening.

Mr. Murphy is slowly recovering from his injuries. He is now able to be wheeled about in an invalid's chair.

### QUICKEST RAILROAD RUN.

#### Burlington Train Travelled at the Rate of 98.7 Miles an Hour.

DENVER, Col., April 17.—Official announcement was made to-day that careful investigation verifies the statement that the world's record was smashed by a Burlington train out of Denver on March 24, when the run of 14.8 miles from Eckley to Wray, Col., was made at the rate of 98.7 miles an hour.

### END OF VAN WORMER TRIAL.

#### The Fate of the Three Boys Who Killed Their Uncle Is in the Hands of the Jury.

HUDSON, N. Y., April 17.—The fate of the three Van Wormer boys is in the hands of the jury. A. H. Farr, who was specially assigned to defend Frederick Van Wormer, brother that left dimmed eyes in the court room.

J. Rider Cady made the other address for the three brothers, and was over the case in all its details. He argued that murder was never contemplated; that while their errand was one not to be condoned, it did not have murder for its object.

A. C. Chase, father of the District Attorney, summed up for the people, and declared that the murder was a crime, and that the jury went out at 4:35 p.m. to a late hour they had not agreed on a verdict.

### CROWD CHEERED FOR PALMA.

#### President-Elect of Cuba Called for Cheers for U. S. Before He Sailed.

### PEACE BASIS WITH BOERS.

#### TERMS NOW ARE PRACTICALLY AGREED UPON.

Boers Name Concessions Upon the Promise of One or Two Seats in the Executive Council—Action Independent of the Boer Representatives in Holland.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 18.—The Daily Mail says: "We are able to announce from reliable information, reaching us late last night, that despite the difficulties to which we have previously referred, the bases of peace have been practically agreed upon at Pretoria."

The Mail reviews the course of the negotiations, stating that the British Cabinet on Wednesday refused to modify its position. When the Boers met again on Thursday they displayed a more reasonable attitude.

Lord Milner was empowered to grant one or two seats in the Executive Council, with the result that the Boers practically agreed to the British terms.

The paper adds that the Boers acted independently of their representatives in Holland.

### HE TOLD HER HE WAS DEAD.

#### Mrs. Richardson Says Her Husband Appeared to Her After His Disappearance.

MATTEWAN, N. Y., April 17.—Ever since the disappearance of James Richardson, whose body was found floating in the East River a few days ago, his wife, who resides here, has contended that he was dead. Several times he was reported as having been seen in different places, but Mrs. Richardson asserted that these rumors were not true. She made an application to the insurance company and to a local lodge in which he was insured for her money.

Mrs. Richardson says that one night, about two weeks after his disappearance on New Year's eve, she was sitting in her room when she heard her husband's step on the stairs. A door softly opened and a voice whispered that he was drowned. It was her husband's voice, she asserts. She also says that the voice told her that a member of the crew of the brick boat on which he was employed had assisted in his death. As she turned around the voice and figure vanished. She says that the family who reside in the house with her and who were familiar with her husband's walk, heard him go up the stairs. This is the reason, she says, that she believed a moment believed the stories that he was seen alive, and is why she applied for the payment of the insurance.

### MEAT PRICES GO HIGHER.

#### The Chicago Packers Assert That a Real Shortage Exists.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Meats of all kinds continue to advance. The butchers blame the so-called Packers' Trust for the rapid advance in prices. They say that the trust have advanced five cents in the last thirty days and that they are forced to raise prices accordingly. The people generally accept the explanation of the butchers and hold the packers responsible for the prohibitive prices.

The packers in turn deny that there is such a shortage. They say that they are losing money on beef, and blame the present high prices to a shortage in the supply of cattle. The farmer, they say, is the only one who is reaping any benefit from the advance.

Receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the stock yards, and the prices paid for them, seem to indicate that a shortage does exist. The burden of the shortage is borne by the small retailers and the consumers. The small retailers are finding it hard to retail their trade and make any money.

### CROWD CHEERED FOR PALMA.

#### President-Elect of Cuba Called for Cheers for U. S. Before He Sailed.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 17.—Tomás Estrada Palma, President-elect of the Republic of Cuba, sailed to-day for Cuba on the American steamer Admiral Farragut. He arrived at Old Point last night, and after breakfasting this morning at the Chamberlain he received Col. Story, commander at Fort Monroe, his officers, and a large number of friends.

On the Government wharf a large crowd assembled to see him off and he made a short